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SUBJ: FHWA/MORT/FONMIN COMMUNICATIONS ON
PRIVILEGES FOR TECHNICIANS

REF: STATE 098898, TEHRAN 4048

1. COMPLETE LITERAL TRANSLATIONS OF TWO MEMORANDA
FROM THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT TO THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE REPLY TO MORT FROM FONMIN, AND
LETTER TO FHWA CHIEF FROM MORT ON SUBJECT PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES FOR FHWA TECHNICIANS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT. REF NO
18669/2/19488/44. DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 1976. TO:
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT GENERAL OF
PROTOCOL. SINCE 11 TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED
STATES FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ORGANIZATION ARE CURRENTLY
SERVING IN THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT ON THE
BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL AID BETWEEN THIS
MINISTRY AND THE ABOVE U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT,
AND AS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM "G" UNDER PARAGRAPH
4 OF THE SAID AGREEMENT THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND
TRANSPORT MUST NOTIFY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AC-
CORDING TO STANDING REGULATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION OF
ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE GROUPS OF EXPERTS
FROM THE U.S. FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ORGANIZATION AND TO
PROVIDE NECESSARY FACILITIES, IT IS REQUESTED THAT
APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED FOR NECESSARY
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COOPERATION TO BE EXTENDED WITHIN LEGAL REGULATIONS

AND POSSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVING EXPERTS CITED ON THE ATTACHED LIST, AND THAT THIS MINISTRY BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS. MINISTER OF ROADS & TRANSPORT(SIGNED AND SEALED) END QUOTE.

3. QUOTE: MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT. REF NO 19119/2/19790/44. DATE: FEBRUARY 28,1976. TO: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT GENERAL OF PROTOCOL. PURSUANT TO THIS MINISTRY'S LETTER NO. 18669/2/19488/44 DATED FEBRUARY 18,1976, CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE 11 EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ORGANIZATION SERVING WITH THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT, THIS IS TO INFORM THAT THE SAID EXPERTS REQUEST THAT SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS(YELLOW CARD) BE ISSUED TO EACH OF THEM AS IN THE CASE OF OTHER EXPERTS SERVING IN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. QUOTE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED FOR NECESSARY ACTION ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO EACH ONE OF THE U.S. FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ORGANIZATION EXPERTS LISTED BELOW.(LIST OF NAMES) /S/ JAVAD SHAHRESTANI, MINISTER OF ROADS & TRANSPORT. END QUOTE.

4. QUOTE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FROM: PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT. REF NO 16598/11. DATE: MARCH 8,1976. TO: MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT. REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTERS NO. 18669/19488/44 DATED FEBRUARY 18,1976, AND NO. 19119/2/19790/44 DATED FEBRUARY 28,1976, CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ORGANIZATION. QUOTE. AS POINTED OUT IN YOUR LETTER NO. 1979/21 DATED MAY 11,1975, AND REAFFIRMED IN FOREIGN MINISTRY LETTER NO. 3289/18 DATED JUNE 2,1975, THE COSTS PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE ABOVE AGREEMENT ARE NOT PROVIDED OUT OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC OR SCIENTIFIC AID FUNDS BUT ARE ENTIRELY PAID BY THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE EXPERTS SENT IN THIS CONNECTION DO NOT APPEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED IN NOTE 37 OF THE STATE BUDGET LAW FOR THE YEAR 1344 AND ITS IMPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS APPROVED JULY 14,1966.

QUOTE. AS REGARDS ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTITY CARDS, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUES IDENTITY CARDS ONLY TO EMPLOYEES OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS, AND SINCE THE EXPERTS IN QUES-

TION ARE NOT CONSIDERED EMPLOYEES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CARDS TO THEM BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES NOT SEEM WARRANTED. INSTEAD, THEY SHOULD ACQUIRE RESIDENCE AND WORK PERMITS FROM THE POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING REGULATIONS. FOR THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SIGNED). END QUOTE.

5. QUOTE: MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT. REF. NO. 20822/44. DATE: MARCH 13,1976. TO: MR. DANIEL S. HAMMOND, CHIEF OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ORGANIZATION TO THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT. PURSUANT TO THE COPIES OF LETTERS NO. 18669/2/19488/44 DATED FEBRUARY 18,1976, AND NO. 19119/2/19790/44 DATED FEBRUARY 28,1976, OF THE MINISTRY OF RAODS AND TRANSPORT OT THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPECTIVELY CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX EXEMPTIONS AND ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CARDS, ENCLOSED HERewith FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A PHOTOCOPY OF LETTER NO. 16598/11 DATED MARCH 8, 1976, OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT IN REPLY TO THE ABOVE TWO LETTERS. /S/ DAVUD EKH-TERA'I, ASSISTANT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUREAU. END QUOTE.
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